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The Chairman's Report:

During this year, the Missouri Numismatic Society Board established life membership requirements of five years' membership and a fee of fifty dollars.

Planning is already underway for the 1978 Central States Numismatic Society's convention and for the 1979 American Numismatic Association's convention. Charles Hileman has been confirmed as the CSNS show chairman. CSNS committee chairmen will be selected shortly.

Library acquisitions have included both classic works and the latest research. Among these are the following:

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Periodical acquisitions have included a nearly complete run of WORLD COINS magazines and an extensive collection of COIN WORLD newspapers. Additionally, documents and studies from each of the twelve Federal Reserve Banks have also been added to our numismatic library.

To supplement the society's collection of visual materials, the production of a specialized slide set depicting the Official Presidential Inaugural Medals has been authorized by the MNS Board. The set should be available with script to other numismatic organizations by mid-fall, 1977.

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PRESIDENTIAL OFFICIAL INAUGURAL MEDALS

by

Jack D. Huggins, Sr.

Election day, November 2, 1976, has come and gone. The President-elect, who was chosen on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, was inaugurated on January 20, 1977. The voters had gone to the polls and selected the man (perhaps in future years it will be a woman) of their choice. The long wait through the evening, into the night, and into the wee hours of the morning of November 3, 1976, was over. James E. Carter had been chosen to lead this country for the next four years.

In little more than two months, committees were formed and placed into operation. Within the following 79 days, all preparations were completed. One of these committees selected an artist, finalized his design, and selected the medallist who would strike the inaugural medal. Committee choices were soon reported in the various trade papers and related periodicals. Usually, the production is handled by the Medalic Art Company of Connecticut or the Franklin Mint of Pennsylvania. Finally, delivery was made to dealers and to the collector, the ultimate buyer. It was quite an occasion to unwrap the package and view this piece of history for the first time. It was then added to the collection which was then kept complete to the present date. If I could have participated in this process, I would have considered it purpose enough for my existence.

I collect and display the official inaugural medals of the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of the United States. Viewing my exhibits can help you relive the past and experience some of the wonder of an inauguration.

There are several methods of collecting these important medals. One popular way to begin is to start with the first election in which the collector voted. My first vote was cast in the election of 1948. The candidates were Republican Thomas E. Dewey, former Governor of New York, and Democrat Harry S Truman, President of the United States who had succeeded to the office upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Since I was travelling at that time for my employer, I had to vote by absentee ballot, which arrived only a few days before the election. (I was staying at the Netherland Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, while doing a series of audits.) I had to have the ballot notarized, but I was unable to locate a notary public during the evening hours. So, I voted and mailed the ballot anyway. I doubt if my vote was counted, and it really didn't matter since I voted for the loser. Today, I believe I made a serious mistake in not voting for one of our greatest Presidents, Harry S Truman.

If you were first eligible to vote in 1960, then you might begin collecting the bronze issues from 1960 to 1976. Later the silver medals could be added to the collection. Moving backwards, you could next add the medals struck between your birth date and the year in which you first voted. Then additions could be made until 1893 is reached. That is when the first official inaugural medal and badge was used in the inaugural ceremonies for President Grover Cleveland and Vice-President Adlai Stevenson.

An alternate method of collecting would be to collect only the medals of Democratic Presidents or those of Republican Presidents. Related items such as campaign buttons, exnumia, and other memorabilia make interesting additions to an inaugural medal collection. Wherever your desires may travel, there are many items of a collectible nature associated with the political affairs of our nation.

There are few reference materials available which cover official inaugural medals. *The Official Inaugural Medals of the Presidents of the United States* by Richard B. Dusterberg is the major work in the field. It is my understanding that a new edition is being prepared. Also, Neil MacNeil, staff member of *Time* magazine and a Washington correspondent, is in the process of releasing a book on the subject.

The Dr. Darrell C. Crain, Jr. exhibition at the George Washington University Library of Washington, D.C., which was held in the summer of 1976, is one of the few exhibits of inaugural medals to be shown in recent years. Coin show exhibits by Edward P. Smith on the East Coast and by Robert Whitehead on the West Coast deserve mention.

If interested collectors contact me, perhaps a spin-off group could be established that would meet annually at the ANA conventions.

BUDGET COLLECTORS LOOK TO ARABIC COINS

Until recent years, Arabic coins were looked upon as incomprehensible pieces of metal. The collector had no hope of ever being sure that the dealer's attributions were accurate or just conjecture on his part. Recent books, such as Plant's *Arabic Coins and How to Read Them* and Hull's *Collectors Guide to Mohammedan Coins*, have opened doors to novices as well as to advanced numismatists.

Arabic coins offer a major challenge because the language barrier is made more difficult because Arabic (derived from Kufic) uses symbols unfamiliar to Western readers and is read from right to left. Early Arab empires spread from the Arabian peninsula to control territory from the borders of India, through the Middle and Near East, through North Africa and Spain to the Pyrenees that protected France. Both the Umayyid (650-750 A.D.) and the Abbasid (750-1258 A.D.) dynasties were descended from the messenger of Allah, Mohammed.

While Europe underwent the ravages of barbarians, the decline of empires and the emergence of nations, and retreated into the Middle Ages, the Arab Caliphate flourished, and a golden age produced and protected knowledge, art, science, and literature. Although power and prosperity limited the number of coin types during early Arabic history, coinages from the tenth century onward began to record the decreasing power of the caliph and his central government. Governors' names appeared on the coins, and soon, independent dynasties issued their own coinage. Invaders, such as the Turks and the Mongols, also seized power and in the process, issued distinctive coin types. The Atabegs of lower Anatolia and other Turkish groups were not strict Moslems and failed to restrict their die work to calligraphy (artistic writing) and geometric designs. The Atabegs had a particular fancy for zodiac designs and for copying Greek, Roman, and Byzantine coins.

By the end of the thirteenth century, the Sultans of Delhi (many of whom were once slaves) had a firm foothold in India. About 1335, Muhammed III ibn Tughlaq attempted to conquer India. His power was short-lived but his legacy was a multitude of small independent Moslem states. Coins of these principalities are both historically important and relatively inexpensive. At the other end of the map, Moslem control weakened. First, Sicily fell to invading Crusaders, and in 1492, the last Moslem principality in Spain, Granada, was extinguished. North Africa was divided into separate Moslem states until the conquest of the Ottoman Empire. Breakup of the Ottoman Empire and a period of European colonization helped to create the modern Moslem countries in North Africa and the Near East.

Prices for Moslem coins may be as low as ten cents for modern coins and as low as a few dollars for some types of medieval coins. Many types of the dirhem, the standard medieval silver coin, can be purchased in fine to very fine condition at prices varying between seven and fifteen dollars. Occasionally, a rare coin may be purchased for under twenty dollars; however, some extremely rare Arabic coins now command a value of several hundred dollars.

The increasing influence of the Arab oil producers has created new interest in Moslem coinages. Petro-dollars have brought prosperity to many Arabs who are now turning to numismatics for investment and an understanding of their history.

A MISSOURI RECORD

A Report on Numismatic Items Related to Missouri

(Editor's note: Due to an oversight, the millimeter measurements were deleted in the last issue's listings. The diameter of number one is 25.5 mm., and the diameter of number two is 31.5 mm.)

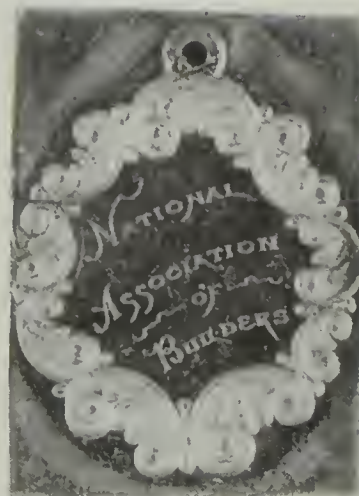


3. Obv. same as #2.

Rev. same as #2.

31.5 mm. iron round

Currently, there is no satisfactory explanation for Charles Stubenrauch's having struck this medal in both copper and iron. During this period of time, copper (or bronze) and white metals (various lead-based alloys) were the most popular among medalists and their customers. Stubenrauch may have tried to emphasize the military prowess of Prussia whose victory was engineered by the "Iron Chancellor" Otto von Bismarck.



4. Obv. CONVENTION / (Missouri state seal) / FEB. 14-16. 1893.
(all within elaborate scrollwork and with a loop at the top)

Rev. NATIONAL / ASSOCIATION / OF / BUILDERS
(all within elaborate scrollwork and with a loop at the top)

29.7 mm. x 40.1 mm. aluminum rectangular

This item is a salesman's sample which was not cut from the flan upon which it was stamped. The top loop indicates that it was intended for use as part of a convention badge rather than as a souvenir pocket piece.

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- 8:30 A.M. Bourse area open to dealers only
- 9:30 A.M. Official convention opening ceremonies; bourse and exhibit areas open to general public
- 12:00 A.M. All exhibits must be in place
- 2:00 P.M. Jeff Lefton presents "Coin Magic"
- 8:00 P.M. Jeff Lefton presents "Coin Magic"
- 10:00 P.M. Bourse and exhibit areas closed to all

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

- 8:30 A.M. Bourse area open to dealers only
- 9:30 A.M. Bourse and exhibit areas open to general public
- 2:00 P.M. Jeff Lefton presents "Coin Magic"
- 8:00 P.M. Jeff Lefton presents "Coin Magic"
- 10:00 P.M. Bourse and exhibit areas closed to all

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- 8:30 A.M. Bourse area open to dealers only
- 9:30 A.M. Bourse and exhibit areas open to general public
- 2:00 P.M. Jeff Lefton presents "Coin Magic"
- 3:00 P.M. Missouri Numismatic Society Exhibit Award Presentations
- 5:00 P.M. Bourse and exhibit areas officially close

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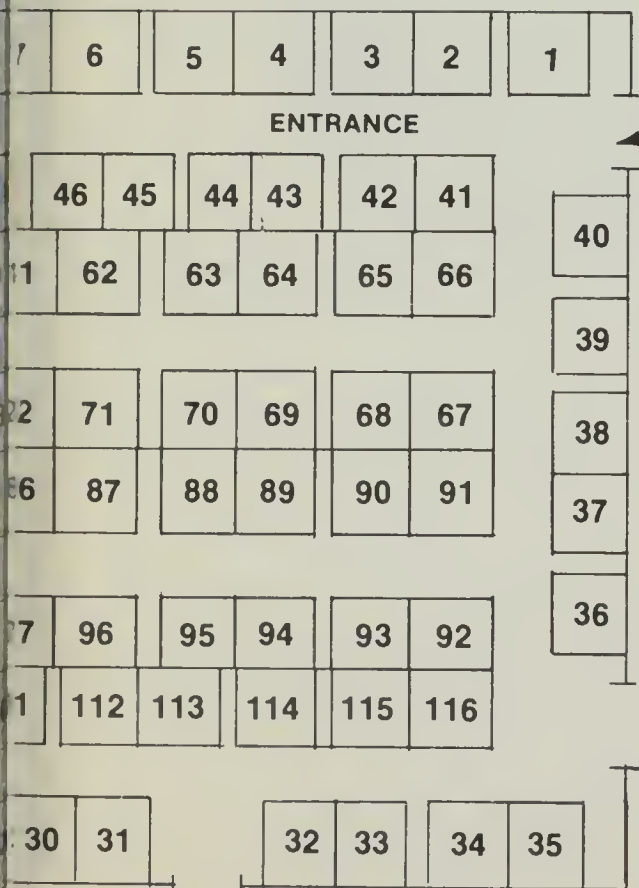
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2. We meet regularly at the Farm & Home Bank in Clayton, Missouri at 8:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The bourse action is often quite spirited — business meeting is always short and our program's feature, grounded in numismatic education, is always well received.
3. Once a year we hold a club auction limited to members.
4. Each August we hold an annual Coin Festival with 100 coast to coast coin dealers.
5. In the recent past we have been chosen to conduct a St. Louis Convention for regional and national coin clubs. For example, Central States has been here several times and will be here again in 1978. The ANA was here in 1970 and will again be here, sponsored by us, for 1979.
6. Our Numismatic library is now recognized as one of the largest in the central part of the United States. A large portion of our budget goes to library purposes. Our books, magazines and periodicals are available to our members for their personal withdrawal or for ready references at our central location.
7. The MNS is the sponsor for the "MISSOURI JOURNAL OF NUMISMATICS," a publication of scholarly articles written, edited and published by our own MNS members.



5. Obv. D. R. K. C. V. / (chalice superimposed over a cross and an anchor within a circle of pearl dots) / 1855 (flanked by Maltese crosses)
- Rev. 38 / GENERAL / VERSAMMLUNG / DES / D. R. K. / CENTRALVEREINS / St. Louis, Mo. / 1893

29.1 mm. white metal round crudely holed for use as a badge

The initials on the obverse have not yet been fully identified. It is possible that they stand for what could be translated as: "German Reformed Church Central Associations." The Germans of the 19th century were avid joiners of organizations for social, fraternal, insurance, physical well-being, and religious purposes. The reverse of the medal indicates that the organization was founded in 1855 since this was the 38th general convention that was to be held in St. Louis in 1893. This agrees with the 1855 date on the obverse.



6. Obv. (scene of Union Station as seen from Aloe Plaza)
- Rev. BOYS TOWN OF MISSOURI / ST. / LOUIS / UNION / STATION / 1975 / KALEIDOSCOPE OF EVENTS

38.5 mm. gold-anodized aluminum round

Union Station was built in 1894 according to the designs of architect Theodore C. Link. At its height of activity Union Station served 19 railroad companies and 260 trains per day. Link's designs were inspired by the medieval city of Carcassonne, in southern France. Union Station was named a city landmark on September 27, 1966, and was placed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1971. The Terminal Railroad Association sold the landmark building on July 15, 1974, to the Union Center Venture for \$2,500,000. Union Station is located on Market Street between 18th and 20th Streets.

The Kaleidoscope was held at Union Station to raise money for the Boys Town of Missouri, which was organized in 1949, to treat emotionally disturbed, socially maladjusted, educationally handicapped, pre-delinquent and delinquent boys through intense therapy and a remedial education program. Boys Town, located at St. James, Missouri, accepts boys from ages 9 to 18. The Kaleidoscope, a gigantic flea market, was apparently a financial success.



7. Obv. FOREST / PARK / HIGHLANDS
 Rev. GOOD FOR / 10¢ / IN TRADE / ANY PLACE IN PARK
 33.5 mm. aluminum actagonal

The Forest Park Highlands was one of a vanishing breed of amusement parks that had served St. Louisans with everything from beer gardens to roller coasters. Amusement parks which had been popular in St. Louis since the close of the 19th century declined in the face of growing American mobility and the introduction of television. The Highlands' demise was hastened by the need for a new community college. The old Highlands which had treasures dating back to the World's Fair of 1904 was destroyed by fire in the summer of 1963. One of the few items to survive the blaze was the carousel which now resides in Sylvan Springs Park, a portion of Jefferson Barracks in south St. Louis County. The Forest Park Community College was built on the site of the old Highlands between 1967 and 1969. The St. Louis area was left with two amusement parks: Holiday Hill (defunct, 1975) and Chain of Rocks (portions of which were destroyed by fire in spring, 1977).



8. Obv. GRAND A. O. U. W. REUNION / (shield bearing letters — A. O. U. W. — over an anchor) / ST. LOUIS MAY 12TH 1892

37.1 mm. white metal round pierced for hanging on badge

The Ancient Order of United Workmen was a fraternal organization. A quotation in a book on the founding of the Modern Woodmen of America indicates that it was quite likely a mutual insurance society. The organization is non-existent today.

Tony Faust — A St. Louis Legend

by Michael G. Pfefferkorn

A simply designed set of tokens struck for Tony Faust's Restaurant belie the 19th century elegance which became a St. Louis legend. These tokens and a few miscellaneous artifacts are all that remain of what was the finest restaurant west of the Mississippi.

Tony Faust, a Prussian immigrant, opened his first cafe in 1862, in Frenchtown, a section of near south St. Louis, between downtown and Soulard, a working man's neighborhood. Frenchtown has vanished except for a small street called French Market Lane.

Faust, an ornamental plasterer turned restaurateur, moved to Broadway and Elm in 1871. Here, his oyster bar and saloon were to become nationally famous. Situated next to the Southern Hotel, Faust had access to the palates of the famous who travelled to St. Louis. The Olympic Theatre, located across the street, brought him the most famous entertainers of the day.

In 1877, the Southern Hotel burned causing the death of fireman Phelim O'Toole during one of his attempts to rescue trapped occupants of the hotel. St. Louis lost a landmark and gained a hero. However, Tony Faust also lost his restaurant.

Undaunted, Faust rebuilt his establishment. This time Faust became a St. Louis pioneer. He installed the first electric lights in St. Louis.



In 1889, a new Faust restaurant appeared on the Broadway and Elm site. It featured a ladies' entrance and a stand-up bar which could accommodate one hundred men at the same time. Some of the prices included: whole lobster, 60¢; sirloin à la Bordelaise, 50¢; and beer for a nickel.

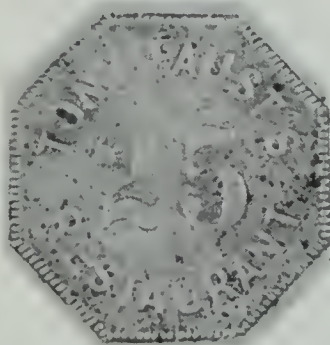
Tony Faust retired in 1902 and died in 1906. The closing of the second Southern Hotel and the Olympic Theatre forecast the closing of Tony Faust's in 1916. Today, both the building and the street are gone.

The following tokens were probably used at Tony Faust's after the turn of the century:



1. Obv. TONY FAUST'S / 5 / RESTAURANT
Rev. same as Obv.
mm. brass octagonal

2. Obv. TONY FAUST'S / 10 / RESTAURANT
Rev. same as Obv.
mm. white metal octagonal



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MNS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monthly meetings are held on the third floor of the Farm and Home Savings and Loan Building, Forsyth and Bemiston, one block east of the St. Louis County Courthouse, Clayton, Missouri.

AUGUST 23 Russell Vogelsang will present a talk featuring Seaby slides.

SEPTEMBER 27 To Be Announced.

OCTOBER 25 Jack Huggins will speak on Official Presidential Inaugural Medals. New officers will be nominated.

NOVEMBER 22 Robert Knowles' presentation French Coinage from Napoleon to Petain will cover the modern coins of one of our traditional allies. Election of officers.

DECEMBER 27 Annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet. Each member is allowed to bring one guest to the party. The regular business is suspended and a buffet style banquet is provided for each paid up member and his guest. Entertainment is also provided after the annual presentation of awards.

JANUARY 24 Sid Nusbaum will discuss the "Major Feather Varieties of the 1878 Morgan Dollar."

FEBRUARY 28 Michael Pfefferkorn will give a brief survey of French tokens and medals.

MARCH 28 A 50-lot membership coin auction will be conducted by auctioneer Sid Nusbaum, assisted by Jim Moores. No fees will be charged for sale or buy-back.

APRIL 25 Charles Hileman will present a preview of the Central States Convention to be followed by a bid board.

MAY 23 James Moores will speak on "St. Louis Transportation Tokens."

JUNE 27 Eric P. Newman will deliver his annual commentary on the state of numismatics and on current research.

JULY 25 Paul Leistritz will discuss "Canadian Tokens."

OTHER LOCAL NUMISMATIC EVENTS

Monthly meeting of the St. Louis Numismatic Association is held at the community center at Westport Plaza on the first Friday night of each month.

Monthly meeting of the World Coin Club of Missouri is held every fourth Sunday at 1:00 in the Farm and Home Savings and Loan Building, Clayton, Missouri.

FUTURE MAJOR EVENTS

MAY 12-14, 1978 Central States Numismatic Society Convention

AUGUST, 1978 Annual MNS Coin Festival

AUGUST 14-19, 1979 AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION Convention

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